

# Hunting and Trapping Emergency Order

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Alaska Department  
of Fish and Game

**Emergency Order No. 020516**  
Alaska

**Issued at:** Anchorage,  
September 26, 2016

**Effective Date:** 11:59 p.m.  
September 27, 2016

**Expiration Date:** June 30, 2017  
unless superseded by  
subsequent emergency order

## **EXPLANATION:**

This Emergency Order closes the state registration permit hunt RM445 for moose in Unit 14(C). All other moose hunting seasons in Unit 14 are unaffected by this Emergency Order.

## **REGULATION:**

Therefore the following regulations in 5AAC 85.045(12), **Hunting Seasons and Bag Limits for Moose**, are superseded by this Emergency Order, and the following provisions are effective for hunting moose:

<b>Units and Bag Limits</b>	<b>Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)</b>	<b>Nonresident Open Season</b>
(12) ...		
Unit 14(C), the Eklutna Lake Management Area	Day after Labor Day- Sept. 27 (General hunt only)	Day after Labor Day-Sept. 27
1 bull by registration permit, by bow and arrow only; up to 4 bulls may be taken ...		

All other moose hunting regulations in Unit 14 remain unchanged and are not affected by this emergency order.

Sam Cotten  
Commissioner

By delegation to: \_\_\_\_\_

Cory Stantorf  
Anchorage Asst. Area Wildlife Biologist

**JUSTIFICATION:**

In 2011, the Eklutna Lake Management Area moose population was estimated at 80 individuals, including 18 bulls, 50 cows, and 12 calves. In 2013, a survey was flown of neighboring Thunderbird Creek and numbers were found to be consistent with previous years. Weather conditions the last two winters have precluded flying surveys, but harvest and roadkill numbers have remained relatively steady, indicating that the population is unlikely to have decreased substantially. To maintain appropriate bull:cow ratios and the overall population objective, the department has determined the harvest from the Eklutna Lake Management Area should not exceed four bulls. Higher than anticipated harvest occurred over the weekend, with five bulls reported within the last 24 hours. This resulted in a harvest of eight bulls as of September 26, 2016; therefore, no further harvest is warranted from this population.

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